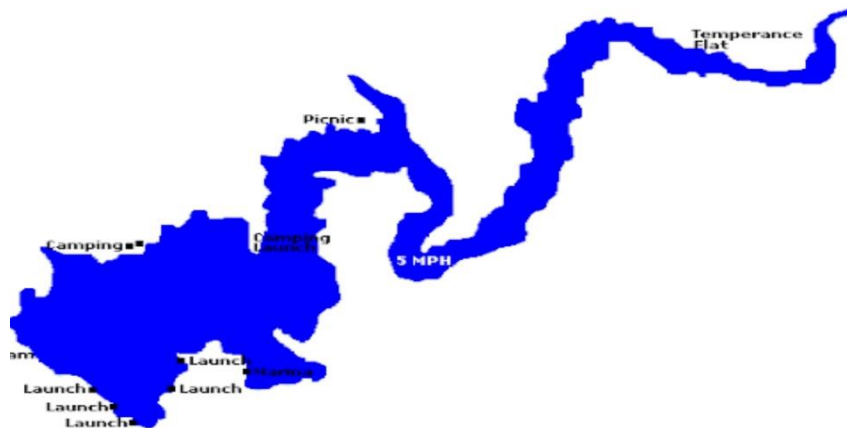


HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

OCTOBER 2024

BK Custom Baits – Bill Kunz
Creekside Tackle - Ken Eddie
Dobyns Rods-Gary Dobyns
G-Money Baits-Tray Williams
Pro Worms-Sandy Uecker
Valley Rod and Gun

LAKE MILLERTON



FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

October 2024 brought members of the Fresno Bass Club back to their home water of Millerton Lake.

Just a couple of weeks prior, the California Bass Federation hosted the TBF National Semi-Finals with Arizona at Millerton. The bite was so bad that they made it a 12" limit so guys could weigh-in some fish.

After their two-day event, former FBC member Tim Wells Senior came out victorious with a two-day total weight of 15.01 lbs. and will be heading to the TBF National Championship. Congratulations Tim!

Other current FBC members who participated in the event were Mark Corrente, John Albidrez, and Matthew Mendes. John Albidrez came in Third Place overall with a two-day total of 14.21, Matthew Mendes came in Fourth Place with a two-day total of 13.80 and Mark Corrente came in Sixteenth Place with 9.56 for two days, now that is some tough fishing. In addition, several anglers did not weigh-in limits, with the majority of the anglers bringing in only 4-6 lbs. per day. This was Millerton's time to shine, but she refused to cooperate. This will probably be the last Federation National Semi-final at Millerton for another 25 years.

Our members who had been pre-fishing for our upcoming club event also expressed difficulty in catching limit sized bass. Some even expressed that it was tough to just get a bite.

Members were looking at some tough fishing conditions for this event with water temperatures still hovering in the low to mid-70'ss, a full moon and water levels dropping at more than a foot per day.

In addition to the tough fishing conditions, FBC anglers are starting to look at the overall points race for Angler of the Year and TOC Qualifications. With only one regular season event remaining after Millerton, it's done or die for anglers trying to qualify for the 2024 TOC.

Remember there are several ways to qualify for the TOC:

1. Finish in the Top 10 overall after two throw-outs
2. Fish 9 out of 11 FBC events and get a Wild Card Berth
3. Fish any number of FBC events and end up with a total of 220 points after two throw-outs.

This year's TOC was picked by last year's McClure TOC winner and the lake chosen was.... you guessed it, Millerton! So, hopefully by December the water temperature will have dropped, and the water levels stabilized which should improve the overall bite.

Well despite the tough fishing conditions, someone always finds the fish or lands on a group of fish on tournament day. This tournament was no different, but this time it wasn't just one angler who landed on the fish but rather a group of anglers who landed on a huge school of bass relating to groups of suspended bait fish in the area.

This month's winner was the non-boater in the back of "professional guide" Cory Kerber's boat. Amy Avedikian, half snow suit, and all (LOL), was able to catch 9.25 lbs. of Millerton spotted bass to win the event. Amy also had the tournament big fish of 3.15 which was key to her victory.

Amy said the big fish came while she was attempting to remove her bibs. Amy said she put her rod between her legs and started removing her bibs when she felt her rod get heavy. Amy stopped taking off her bibs, set the hook, and reeled in a beautiful 3.15 lb. spotted bass that ate her Texas rigged worm. Amy said this was the best day she has ever had on Millerton for catching numbers of fish and the 3.15 was the biggest bass she has ever caught at Millerton. Congratulations Amy!



Second place went to Bill Kunz who brought in a five fish limit weighing 9.18 bs. anchored by a 2.37 lb. big fish. Bill had pre-fished the Sunday prior with his daughter and struggled to catch fish. Bill only had four keepers during pre-fish and his daughter had one keeper.



Fast forward to tournament day and Bill went into Winchell's cove because he had caught 3 of his four keepers in that general area during pre-fish. On tournament day the balls of bait moved and instead of being concentrated in just one specific area, the bait balls were smaller and scattered over a larger area. In addition to the bait balls, there were several grebes in the area following the bait. Bill fished a Pro Gold worm on a texas rig and jig a ball head jig with a shad-colored plastic under and around the isolated bait balls. Bill caught six or seven limits of fish, but the majority of the fish he caught weighed between 1.25 lbs. and 1.35 lbs. Bill had to weed through numbers of fish to cull to his final weight of 9.15 lbs. and fell just shy of the win.



Third place went to "Professional Millerton Guide" Cory Kerber who proudly netted all of Amy's fish including the tournament big fish. Cory said every time he would throw out, he would catch a small fish, then Amy would throw out and catch a bigger fish. Cory said this went on for pretty much the entire day. Cory was able to cull his way up to his final weight of 8.47 lbs., anchored by a solid 2.75 lb. fish he caught late in the day. Cory said he fished Pro Worms in 20-30 feet of water on the main lake and said, "But I, mostly netted Amy's fish!" Good Job Cory!



Fourth Place went to Johnny “Smiles” Albidrez. John, who recently finished Third in the TBF National semi-finals, continued his success this month by fishing Pro Worms on the main lake in 30 feet of water. John weighed-in a five fish limit for 8.13 lbs. John failed to get his picture taken so he gets the Monkey Pic!



Rounding out the top five was Jimmy Arnold. Jimmy fished as a non-boater with Gary Jue. Jimmy said he texas rigged a Pro Worm in 20-30 feet on the main lake to catch a limit weighing 7.32 lbs. Jimmy and Chris Tillman were neck and neck fighting for the Non-boater of the year award, but this top five gave Jimmy a slight cushion going into the last event of the year at McClure. Congratulations Jimmy!



There were a total of 26 anglers who fished the tournament. There was a total of twelve five fish limits weighed-in with the remainder of the field catching anywhere from 1-3 fish. There was a total of 91 fish caught that weighed 117.96 lbs. for an overall average of 1.29 lbs. per fish. (Not particularly good). The bite is so bad this guy is starving!



PLACE	NAME	TOURNAMENTS	
		TOTAL	FISHED
			(9 required for WC)
1	Kunz, Bill	494	10
2	Corrente, Mark	482	10
3	Eddy, Ken	434	10
4	Duncan, A.J.	414	10
5	Shafer, Paul	378	10
6	Red, Ron Sr.	365	8
7	Arnold, Jim	350	9
8	Rowles, Bill Sr.	334	8
9	Jones, Bob	326	7
10	Albidrez, John	321	7
11	Tillman, Chris NM Mar'	307	8
12	Kerber, Cory	298	6
13	Austin, Walt	289	7
14	Lopez, Christian	283	8
15	Jue, Gary	280	8
16	Reynolds, Kyle	269	7
17	Skyers, Andrew NM Mar'	255	7
18	Heirendt, David	236	6
19	Calderon, Lazaro	195	5
20	Navarro, Amber	191	6
21	Avedikian, Amy	173	4
22	Champ, Jeremy	166	4
23	Turner, Tim	166	4
24	Ruacho, Jerry	160	5
25	Rowles, Anne	158	5
26	Duncan, Kelly	150	4
27	Wells, Timmy NM Jan' 2	147	3
28	Smith, Ryan	146	3
29	Paris, Chris	144	4
30	Taylor, Ted	144	4
31	Squires, Corey	135	3
32	Barton, Justin	127	3
33	Smith, Jennifer	114	3
34	Mendes, Mathew	106	3
35	Baron, Rusty	99	2
36	Lor, Junior NM Jun' 24	91	2
37	Buie, Dan NM Sep' 24	71	2
38	Agtang, Timothy	67	2
39	Botu, Brian	65	2
40	Curtis, Walter	63	2
41	Cantu, Michael	52	1
42	Privett, Nick	51	1
43	Placentia, Sal	51	2
44	Short, Jeff NM Apr' 24	50	1
45	Uecker, Rick	48	1
46	Privett, Nick	47	1
47	Guzman, Jose	45	1
48	Rowe, Seth	44	1
49	Rowles, Bill Jr.	34	1
50	Calderon, Allen NM Apr'	27	1
51	Austin, Shauna	20	1
52	Hass, Harold	14	0
53	Uecker, Sandy	8	0
54	Bigler, McKay NM Mar'	6	0
55	Williams, Tray NM Mar'	4	0
56	Barton, Bailey	2	0
57	Casarez, Elijah	0	0
57	Guzman, Joel NM Apr' 2	0	0
57	Privett, Elijah NM May' 2	0	1

2025 FBC BANQUET INFORMATION:

The 2024 Awards banquet will be held at the Yosemite Falls Café on Saturday January 18, 2025. All Members will eat for free; any additional friends or family will be \$32 per plate. The meal will consist of Chicken, Tri-tip, vegetables and a salad. The non-cost drinks will be coffee, tea or milk, anything else will have to be purchased by members.

JANUARY 2025 MEETING CHANGE

Because the first Wednesday in January 2025 is actually January first, the meeting for January 2025 ONLY will be moved to Friday January 3, 2025, at 7 PM at the Yosemite Falls Café. The room has already been reserved for the club so make a note on your calendar.

NOVERMBER 2024 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

**Date: November 17, 2024
Hours: Safelight to 3 PM
Location: Barret South
Check-in: Barret Cove-South Parking Lot
Sun Rise: 7:38 AM
Safe Light: Approximately 0715
Moon Phase: Full Moon (100%)
Moon Set: 9:06 AM**

The next FBC meeting will take place on Wednesday November 6th, 2024, at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Yosemite Falls Café located @ 4020 N. Cedar in Fresno.

NO MORE LATE SIGN-UPS WITH OPTIONS SO BE SURE TO GET YOUR ENTRY IN BEFORE THE MONTHLY MEETING OR ATTEND THE MEETING AND SIGN-UP IN PERSON!!

See you there!!!